

HOUSE RESOLUTION 262  
By Williams (Unio)

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Edsel Raines on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to help special citizens celebrate milestones in their venerable lives; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 1946, Edsel Raines & Alma Dean Douglas were joined in holy matrimony, and since that fateful day this loving couple has shared the joys and sorrows of life's journey, facing the world as one; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Edsel Raines are residents of the Speedwell Community and have been highly respected citizens for many years; and

WHEREAS, Edsel and Alma are the very epitome of good neighbors, always ready with a kind word and eager to lend a helping hand to those in need; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Raines are devout Christians and evince their strong belief in the Lord through their active membership at their church; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's blessed union has produced one daughter, Patsy Lay, who has made her mark on the world and is highly successful in her own right; and

WHEREAS, the Raines are delighted to be called Grandpa and Grandma by their two grandchildren, Shannon Johnson and Scott Lay; and

WHEREAS, for 50 years this union has endured to stand as a testament to the power of love and family; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Raines' are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby pause to honor and congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Edsel Raines as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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